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HE CAME FROM A WORLD THAT DIED SHORTLY AFTER HIS BIRTH.

HE WAS RAISED BY HIS HUMAN FOSTER PARENTS TO STAND FOR SOMETHING GREATER THAN HIMSELF.

HE CAN'T HELP BUT BELIEVE THAT HIS BIRTH PARENTS WANTED THE SAME FOR HIM.

WASN'T THAT THE REASON THEY CHOSE EARTH--SO THAT HE WOULD STAND TALL AMONG THE PEOPLE WITH WHOM HE'D SHARE THIS PLANET?

WHEN HE GREW UP, CLARK KENT MOVED FROM SMALLVILLE...

...TO METROPOLIS, WHERE HE IS CALLED SUPERMAN.

HE EVENTUALLY HELPED FOUND THE JUSTICE LEAGUE--

--AND TOGETHER, WITH THE WORLD'S FINEST HEROES, HAS SEEN AND DONE MANY AMAZING THINGS, FROM ONE END OF THE GALAXY TO THE OTHER.

IRRUPTION RETURNS PART 1

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THE JERRY SIEGEL FAMILY

FOR ALL THE
GOOD IT HAS
DONE.

FOR IN THE END--WHEN IT
MOST CERTAINLY COMES--
THERE IS VERY LITTLE A
SUPERMAN CAN DO TO STOP
THE DEATH OF A UNIVERSE.

IN THIS CASE IT WAS A
TEMPORAL TSUNAMI.

...AND LEAVING NOTHING
BUT DESTRUCTION
IN ITS WAKE.

WHEREVER IT
TOUCHES, SUNS
FLARE AND DIE--

I DON'T
SEE ANY SIGNS
OF LIFE IN THAT
STAR SYSTEM.

BUT
IF THIS
HAPPENED IN
A POPULATED
AREA OF
SPACE--

--THE
RESULTING
DEATHS WOULD BE...
INCALCULABLE.

BUT WHAT
COULD POSSIBLY
HAVE CAUSED THIS
PHENOMENON?

THAT...
CIRCLE.

IT IS
TOO PERFECT.
IT'S NOT
NATURAL.

AN EVER-EXPANDING WAVE
OF CHRONAL ENERGY
TEARING ITS WAY ACROSS
TIME AND SPACE...

--OCEANS GIVE WAY
TO MOUNTAINS OF
ICE OR SEAS OF
PRIMORDIAL LAVA.

WOULD THAT
CIVILIZATIONS EXISTED
ON THESE PLANETS--

--THEY MIGHT INSTANTLY
DECAY AT THE END OF
TIME... OR START ANEW
AT THE BEGINNING.

IT ALMOST
LOOKS LIKE--
FROM HERE--A
PORTAL?

BUT TO
WHERE?

CLEARLY
SOMEONE IS
DIRECTING
ME--

--HAVING
PULLED ME OFF
EARTH.*

AS MUCH
AS I DON'T
APRECIATE BEING
YANKED AROUND
BY MY CAPE...

*SUPERMAN
#24--EDDIE



THE ORACLE.

A MYSTERIOUS ENTITY THAT CAN SEE EVERYTHING EVERYWHERE--

--THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE--

--ALL AT ONCE.

LIKE THE REST OF HIS RACE HE DOES NOT USUALLY INTERFERE WITH THE MACHINATIONS OF SENTIENT BEINGS THROUGHOUT THE OMNIVERSE...

...UNLESS ALL OF REALITY IS THREATENED.

AS IT IS TODAY.

HE'S THE ONE THAT BROUGHT ME HERE.

I MET HIM NOT LONG AGO.

WHILE WE WERE DEALING WITH H'EL AND HIS ATTEMPT TO DESTROY THE EARTH IN ORDER TO SAVE KRYPTON.*

SO...DOES THAT MEAN HE'S ON OUR SIDE? OR NOT?

I CAN'T TELL YOU. HE DOESN'T SPEAK-- HE USES IMAGES, EMOTIONS RATHER THAN WORDS.

*SUPERMAN #17!-- EDDIE

BUT I HAVE LITTLE PATIENCE FOR THIS COSMIC ENIGMA NONSENSE.

SO IF YOU KNOW HOW TO STOP THAT TIME TSUNAMI, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO SPIT IT OUT!

YOUR COUSIN IS CALLING OUT A GUY THE SIZE OF A LARGE MOUNTAIN.

NOT WHEN I KNEW HIM.

OF COURSE HE WAS SIX MONTHS OLD THEN.

WAS HE ALWAYS LIKE THIS?

I WAS.

LET'S TALK ABOUT THIS ANOTHER TIME?

DO SOMETHING.

LOOK, SIGN LANGUAGE.

THAT'S A START.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO FILL UP EVERY BIT OF SILENCE WITH WORDS, KON.

DON'T CALL ME THAT, AND YOU TWO HAVE BEEN IN SPACE BEFORE...

DO EITHER OF YOU TWO RECOGNIZE... THAT?

K-KAL?
YOU REALLY NEED TO SEE THIS.

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING...

KRYPTON.

NEARLY THREE DECADES AGO--

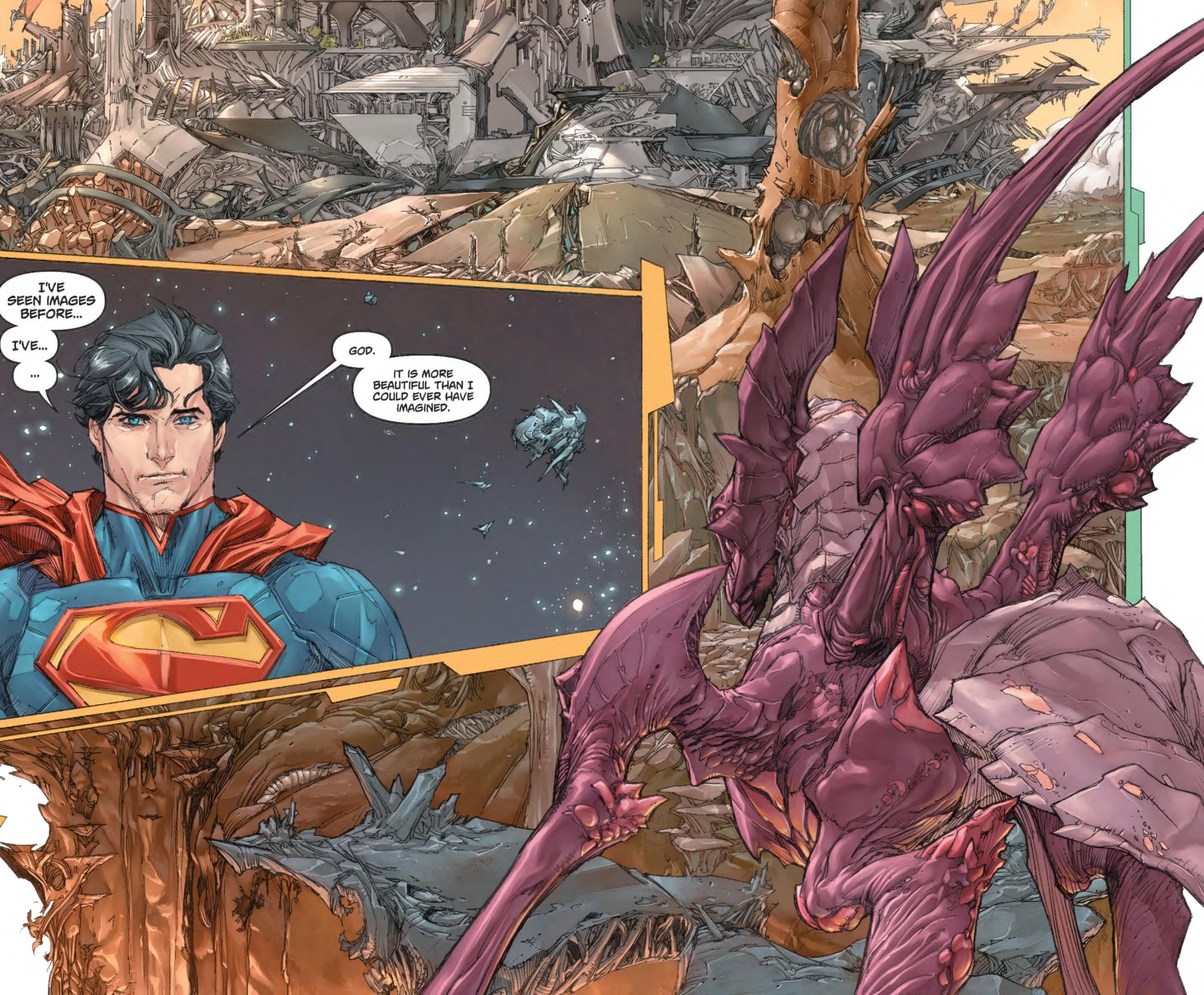
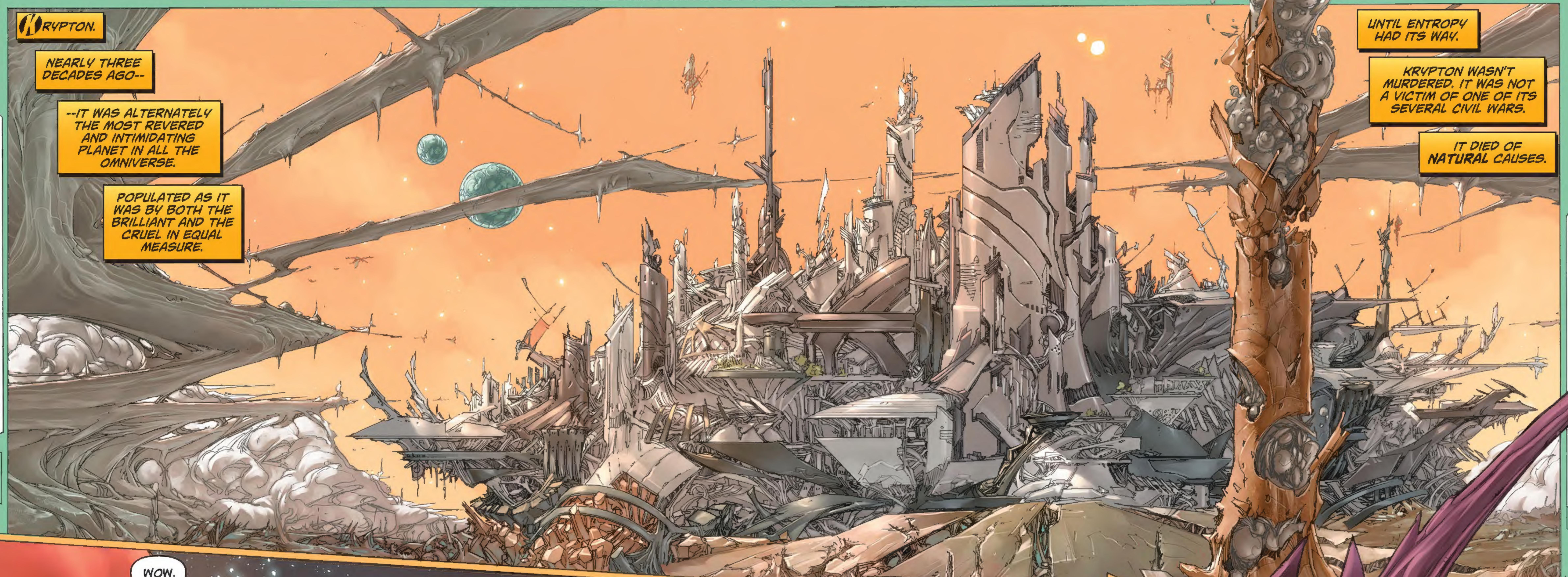
--IT WAS ALTERNATELY THE MOST REVERED AND INTIMIDATING PLANET IN ALL THE OMNIVERSE.

POPULATED AS IT WAS BY BOTH THE BRILLIANT AND THE CRUEL IN EQUAL MEASURE.

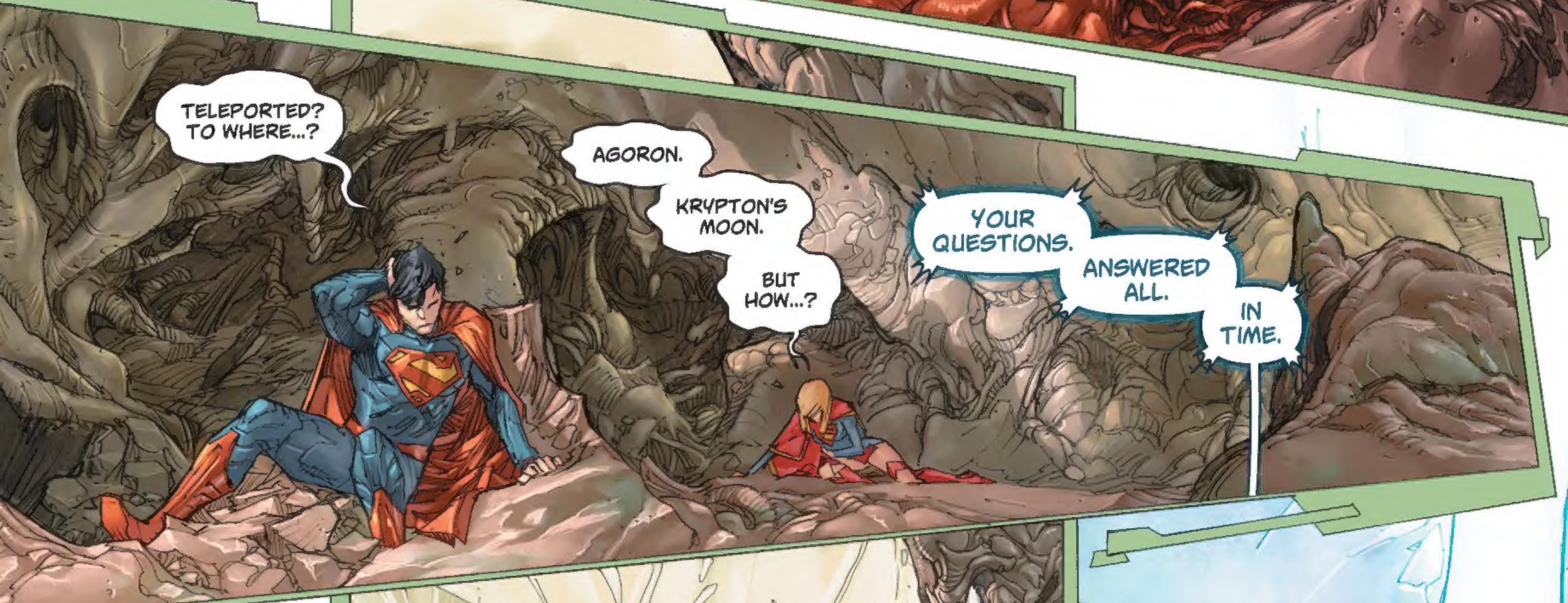
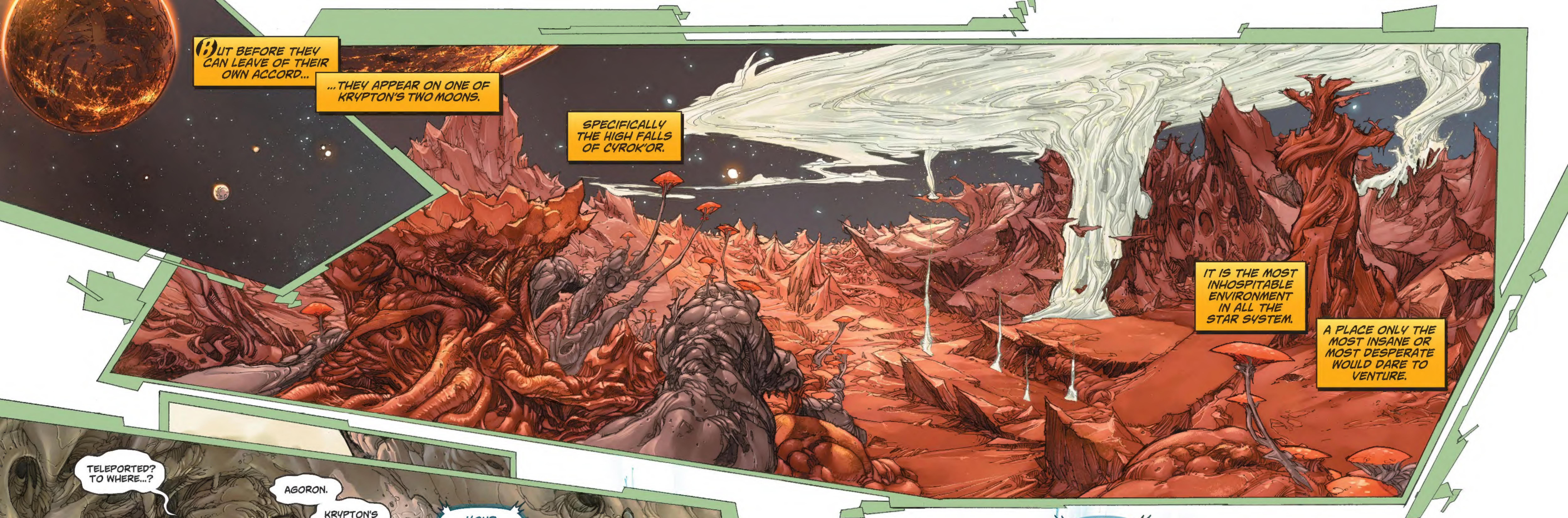
UNTIL ENTROPY HAD ITS WAY.


KRYPTON WASN'T MURDERED. IT WAS NOT A VICTIM OF ONE OF ITS SEVERAL CIVIL WARS.

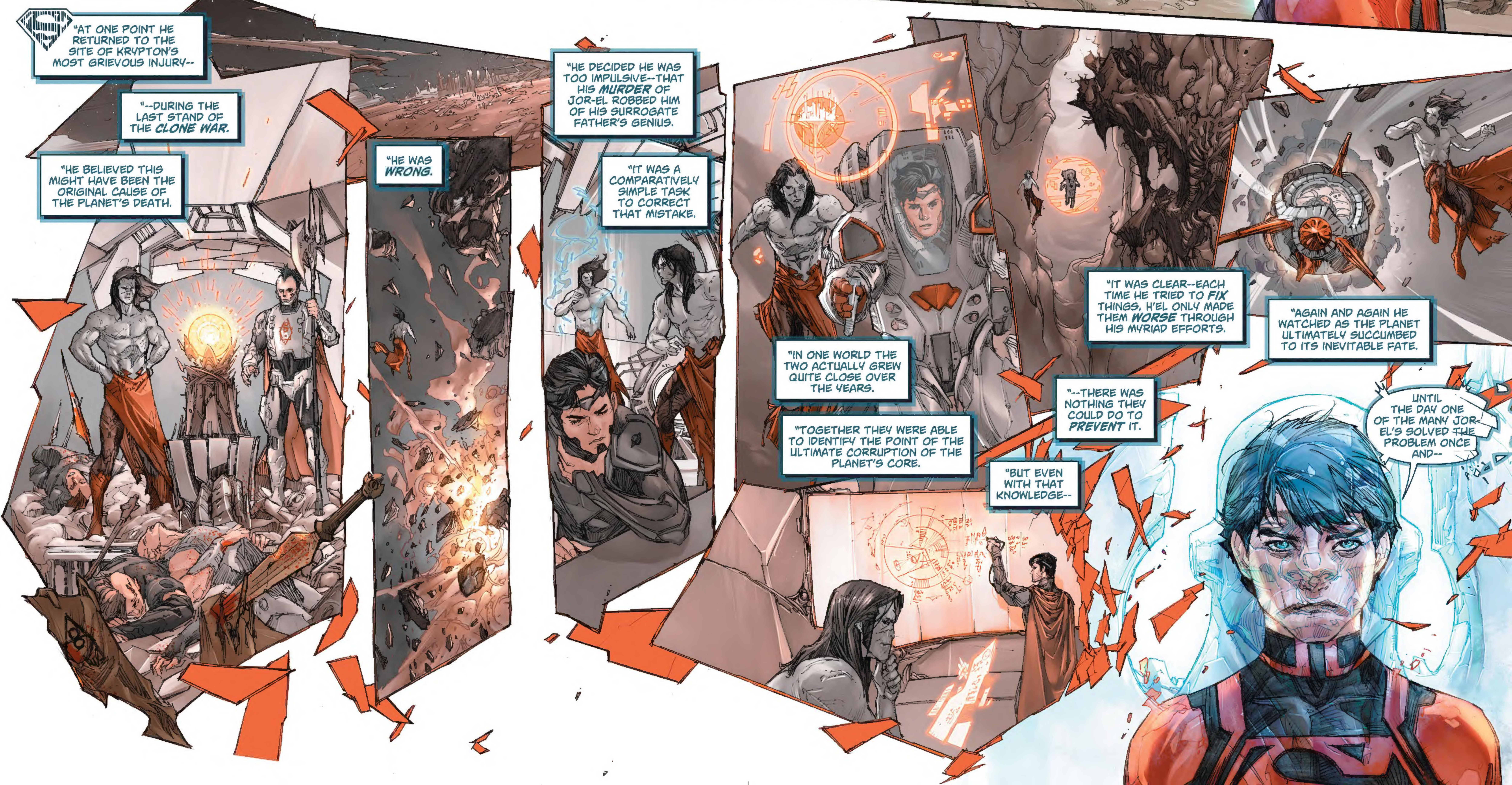
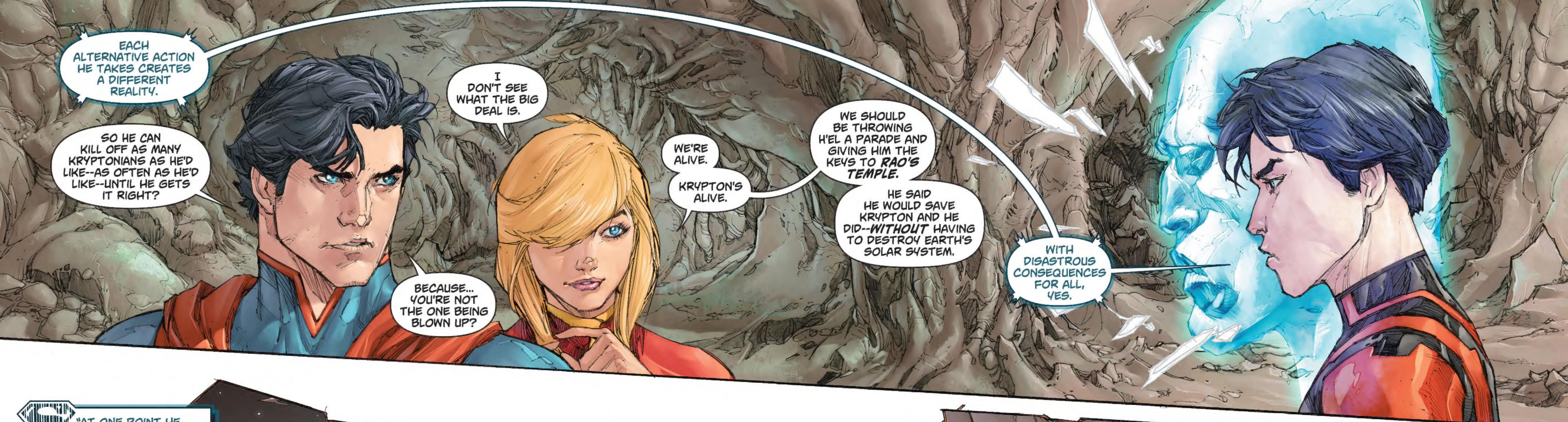
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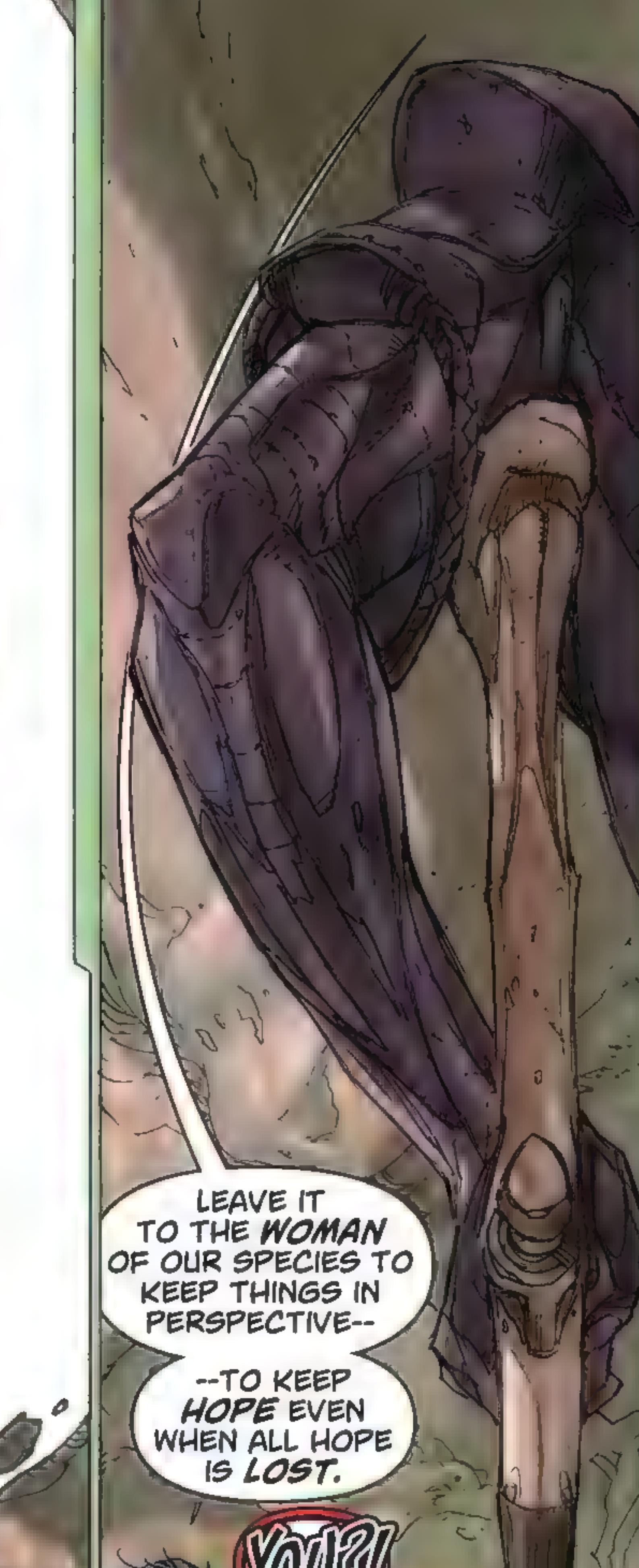
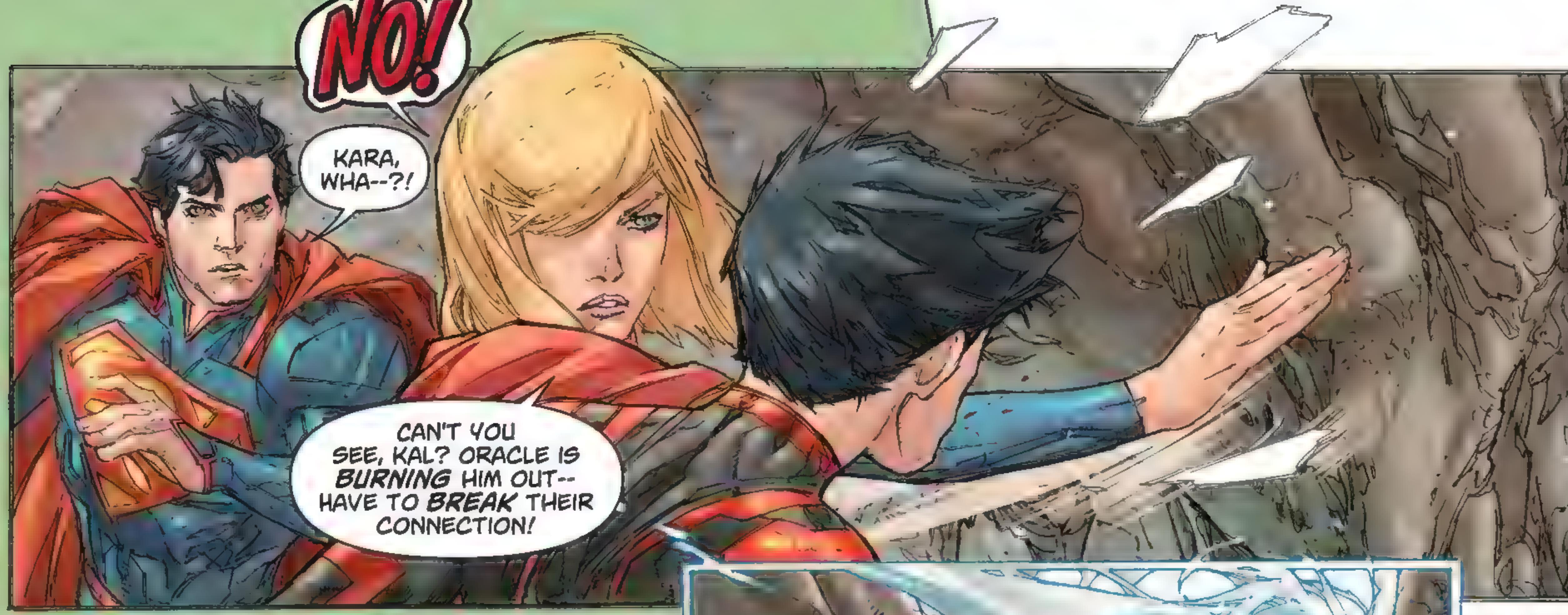






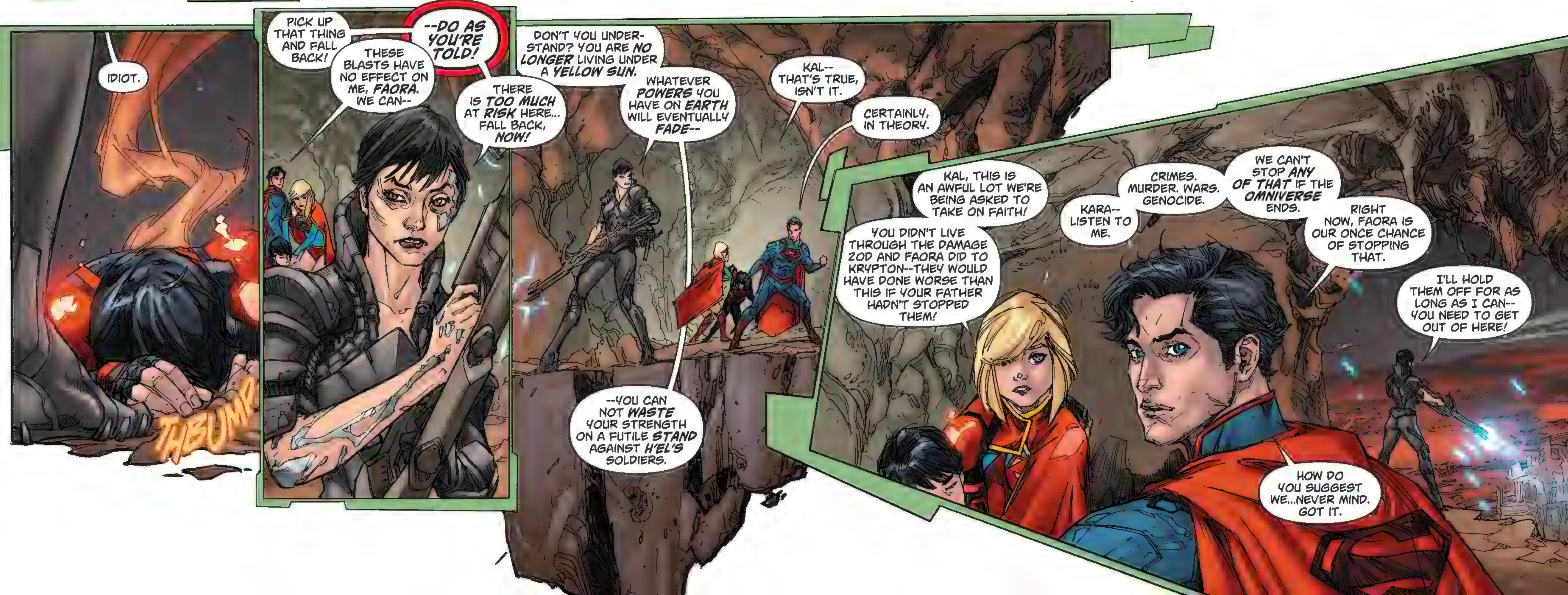
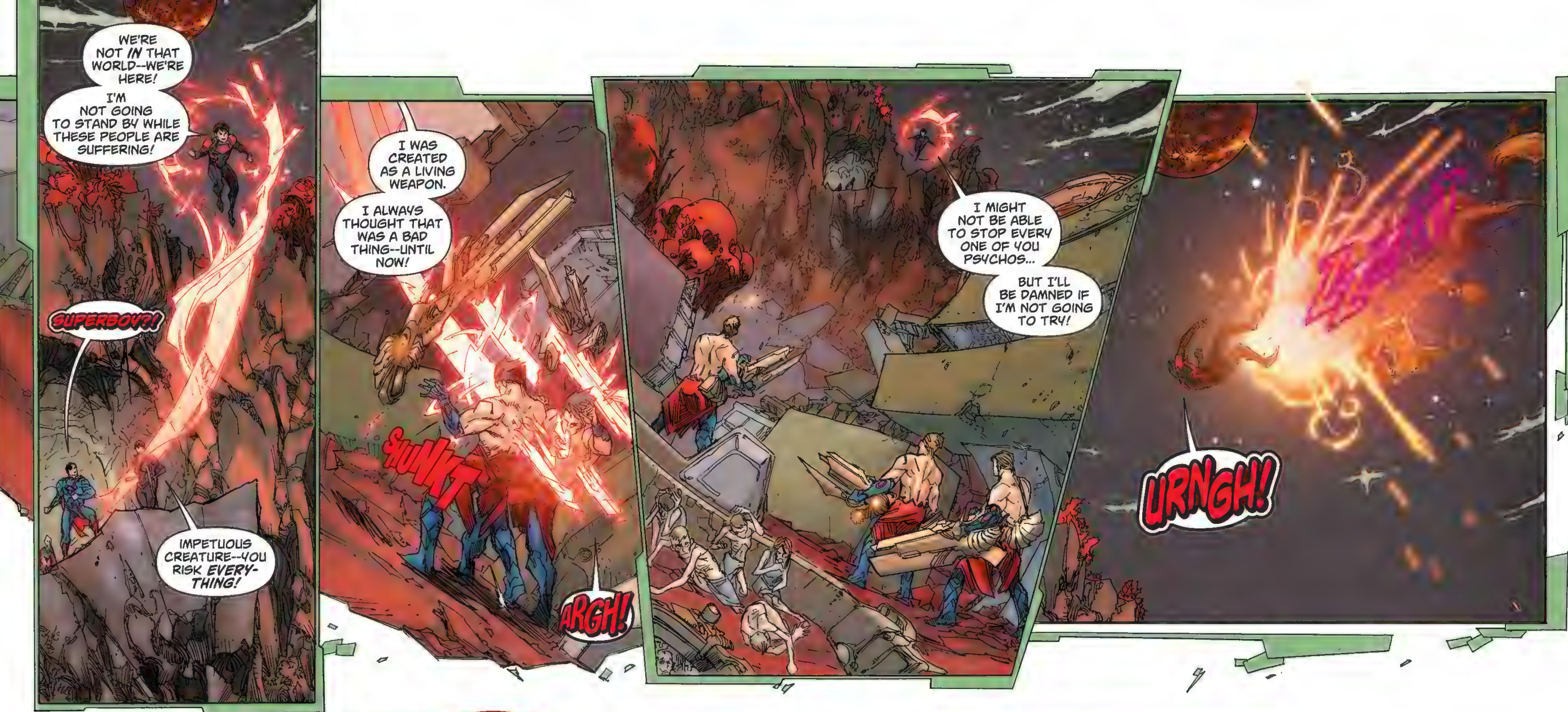










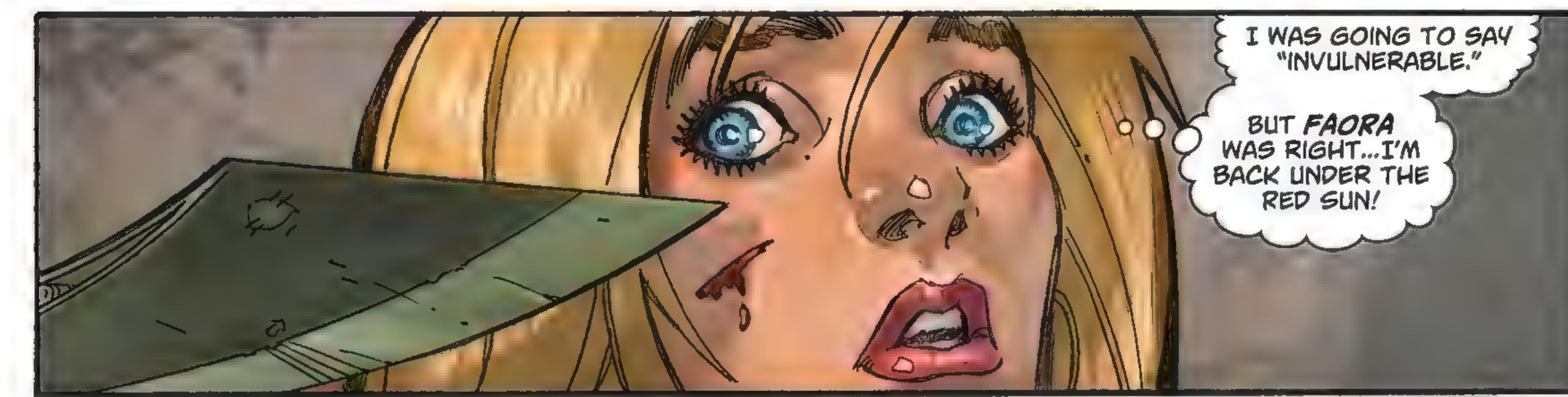
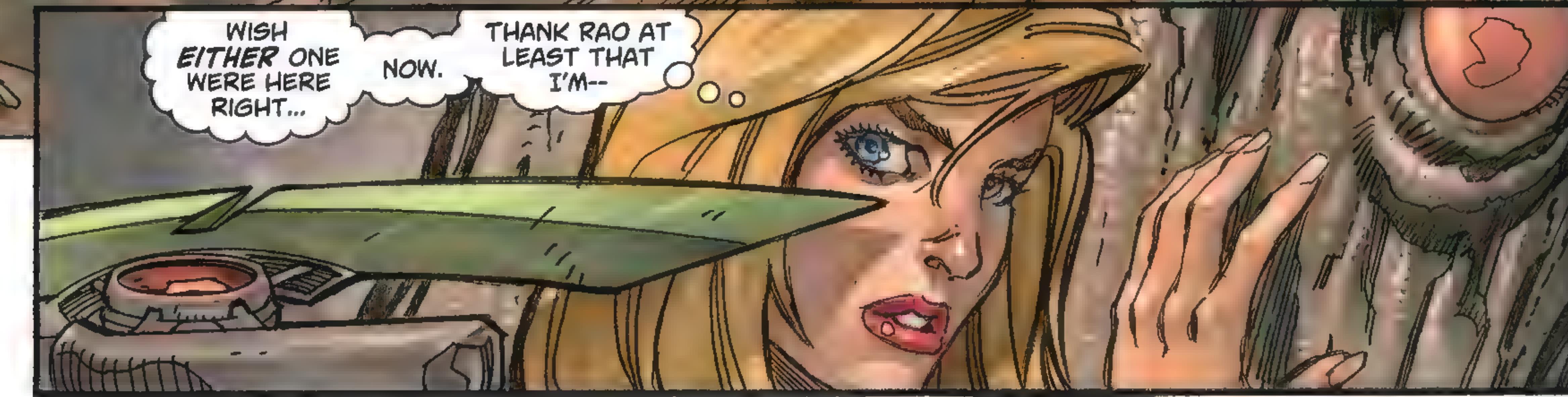
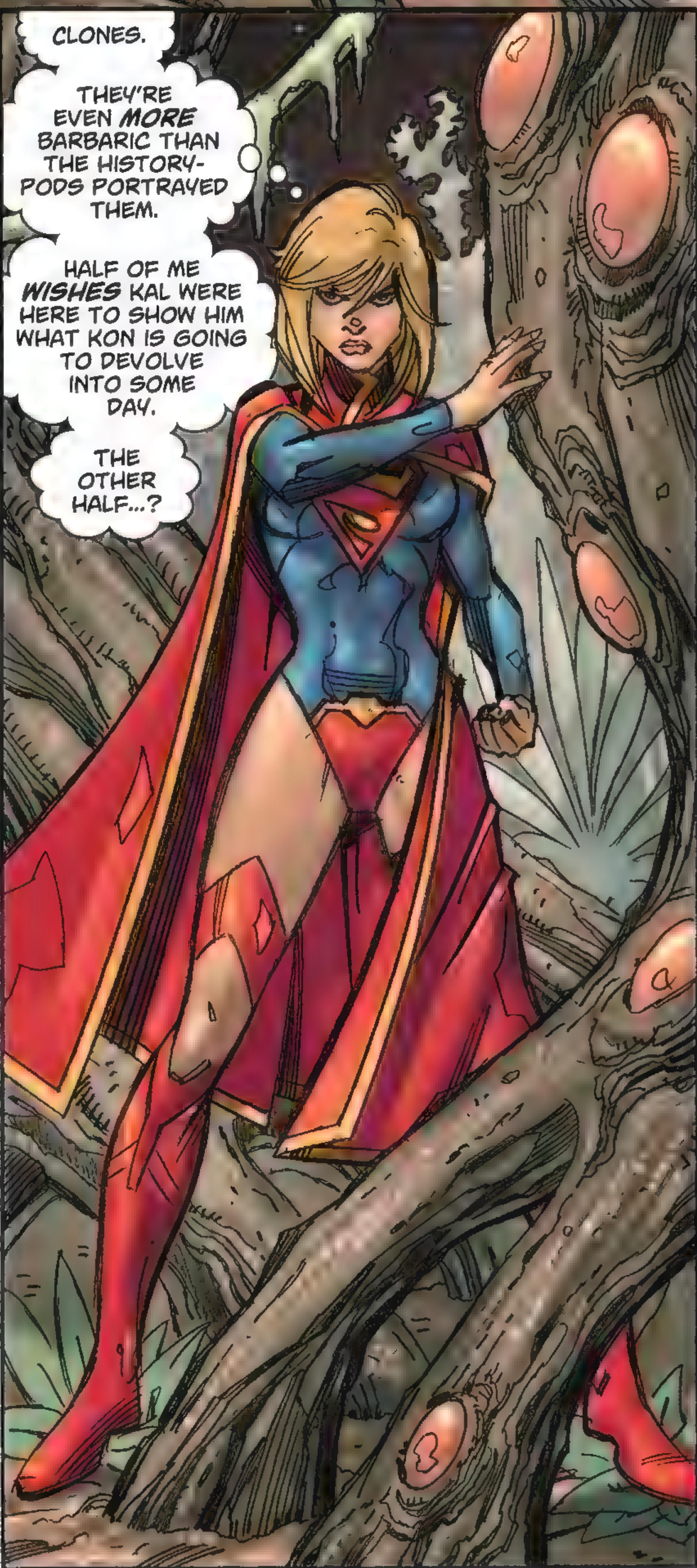






THE WILDS OF KRYPTON

LONG AGO DURING THE GREAT WAR...





FINALLY...

ODD.

I HAVE NEARLY A LIFETIME OF YELLOW SUN RADIATION IN MY BODY. IT SHOULD BE AT LEAST A WHILE BEFORE IT DISSIPATES.

I DON'T THINK I'VE EVER BEEN IN A ROOM SO DARK THAT I COULDN'T SEE ANYTHING.

WHICH MEANS IF I CONCENTRATE I SHOULD BE ABLE TO DISCERN I'M IN...A LAB.

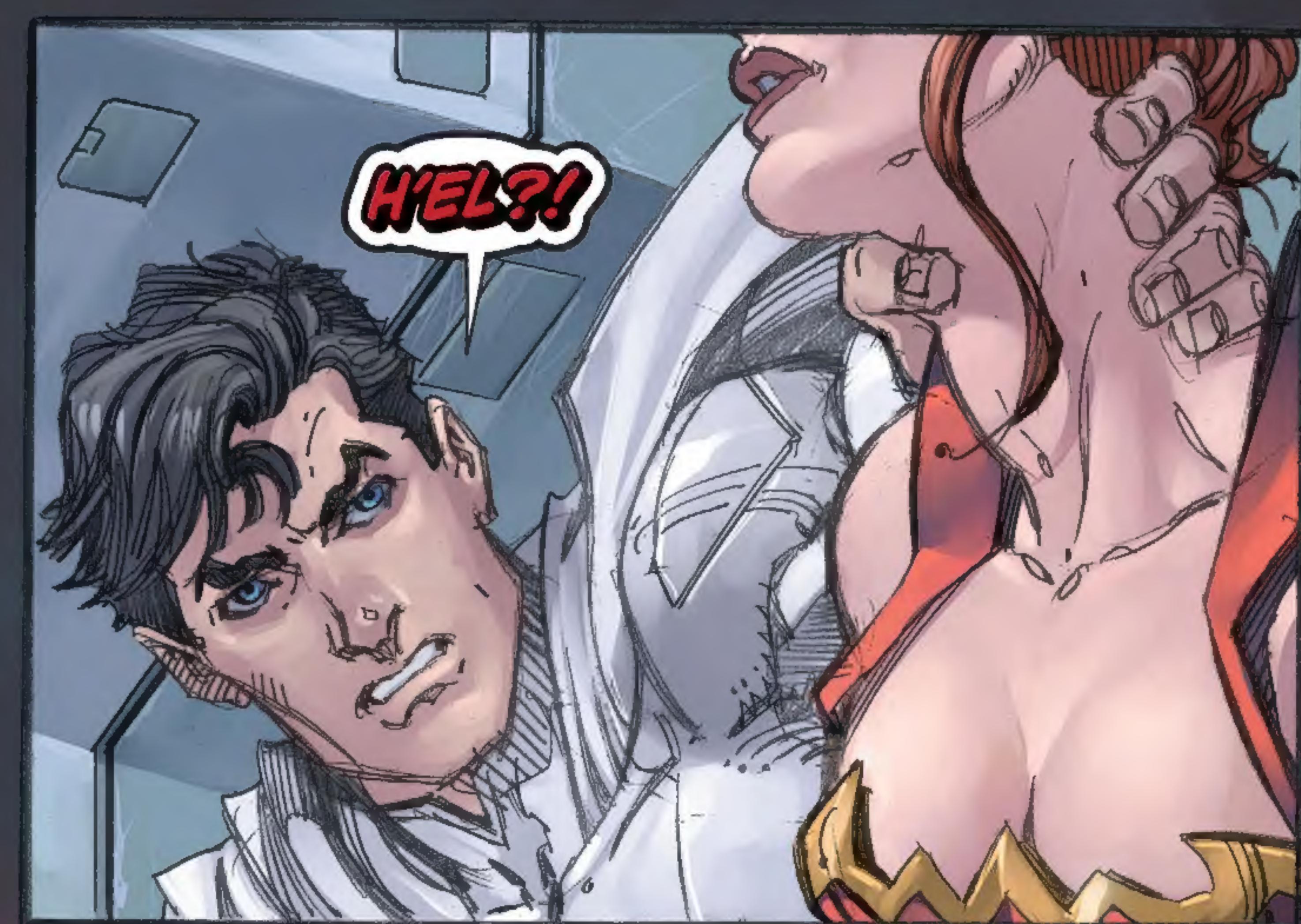
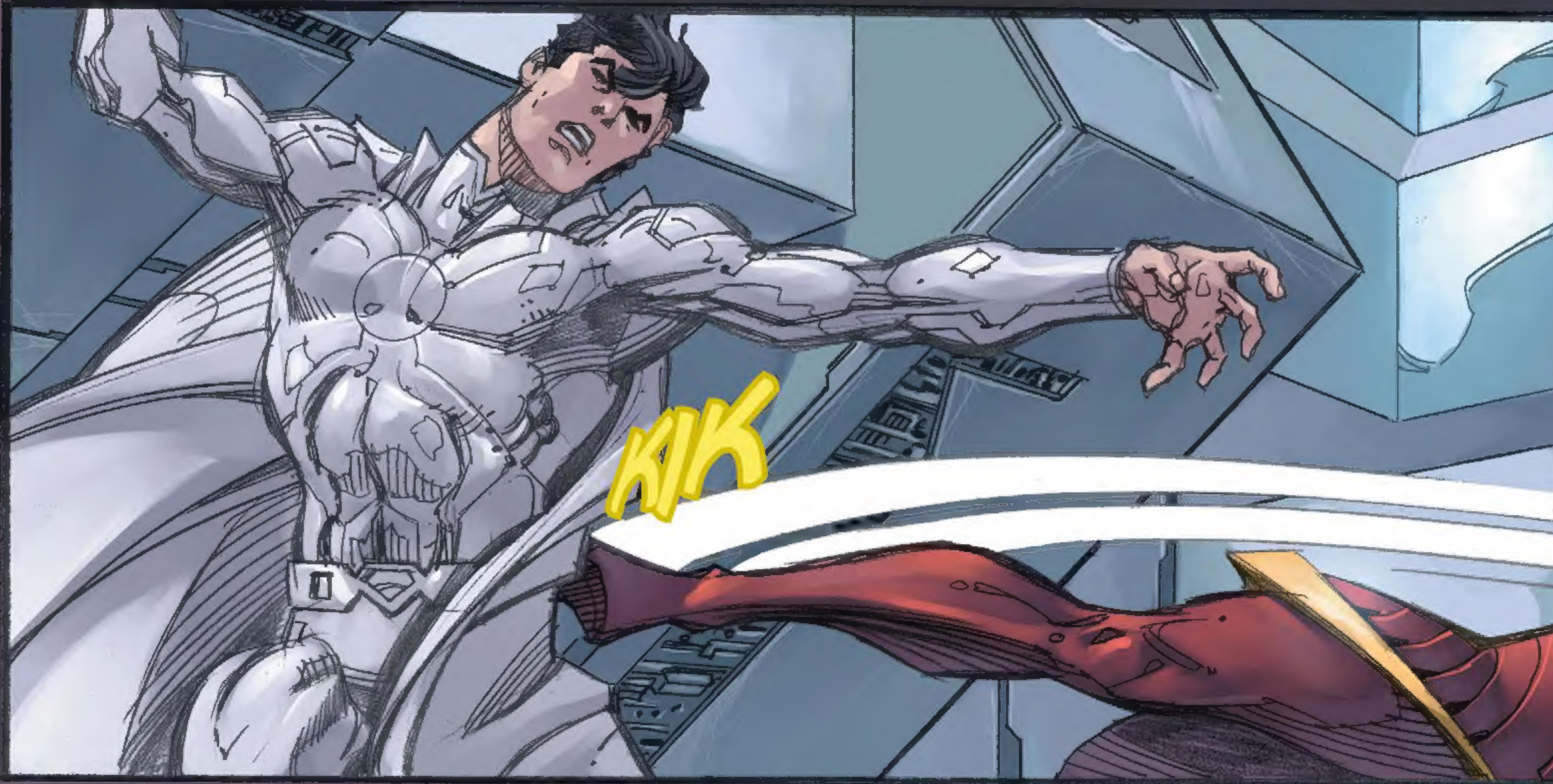
FUNNY, IT ALMOST FEELS AS IF...I'VE BEEN HERE BEFORE?

MY CEREMONIAL ARMOR--IT IS BONDED TO MY DNA.

THE RED SUN IS RAPIDLY DRAINING WHAT HAS BECOME MY BODY'S NATURAL RADIATION LEVEL. IS THIS SUIT SOMEHOW HELPING CONTAIN THAT ENERGY? FOR HOW LONG?

IT'S NOT LIKE THIS ARMOR MAKES ME ANY MORE INVINCIBLE OR STRONGER THAN I ALREADY AM.

I ONLY WEAR IT OUT OF REVERENCE FOR MY--



I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE OR HOW YOU GOT IN HERE.

BUT I KNOW YOU'RE LEAVING HERE IN PIECES IF YOU DON'T TELL ME WHAT THIS IS ABOUT!

YOU...?



LARA VAN-EL, YES.

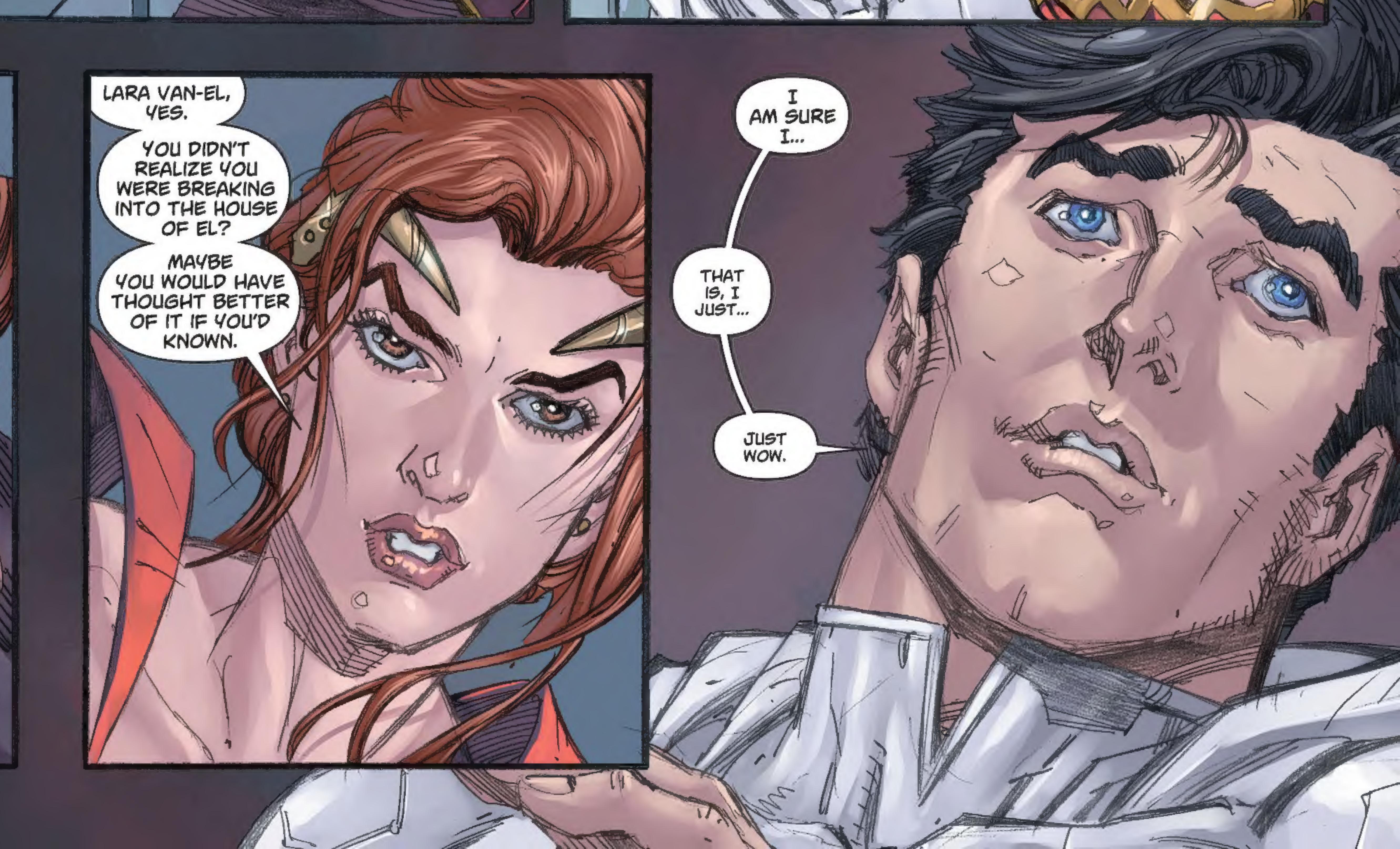
YOU DIDN'T REALIZE YOU WERE BREAKING INTO THE HOUSE OF EL?

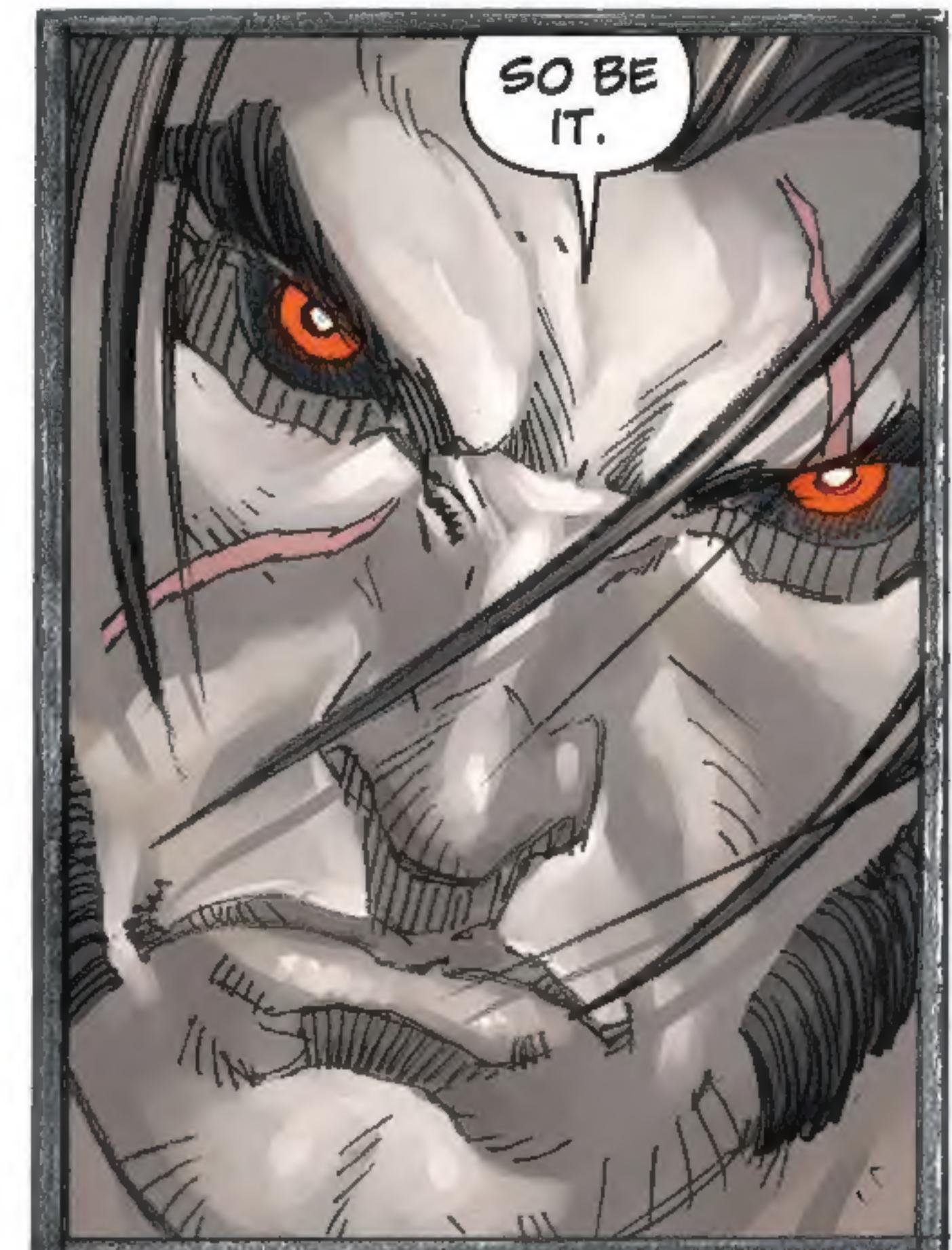
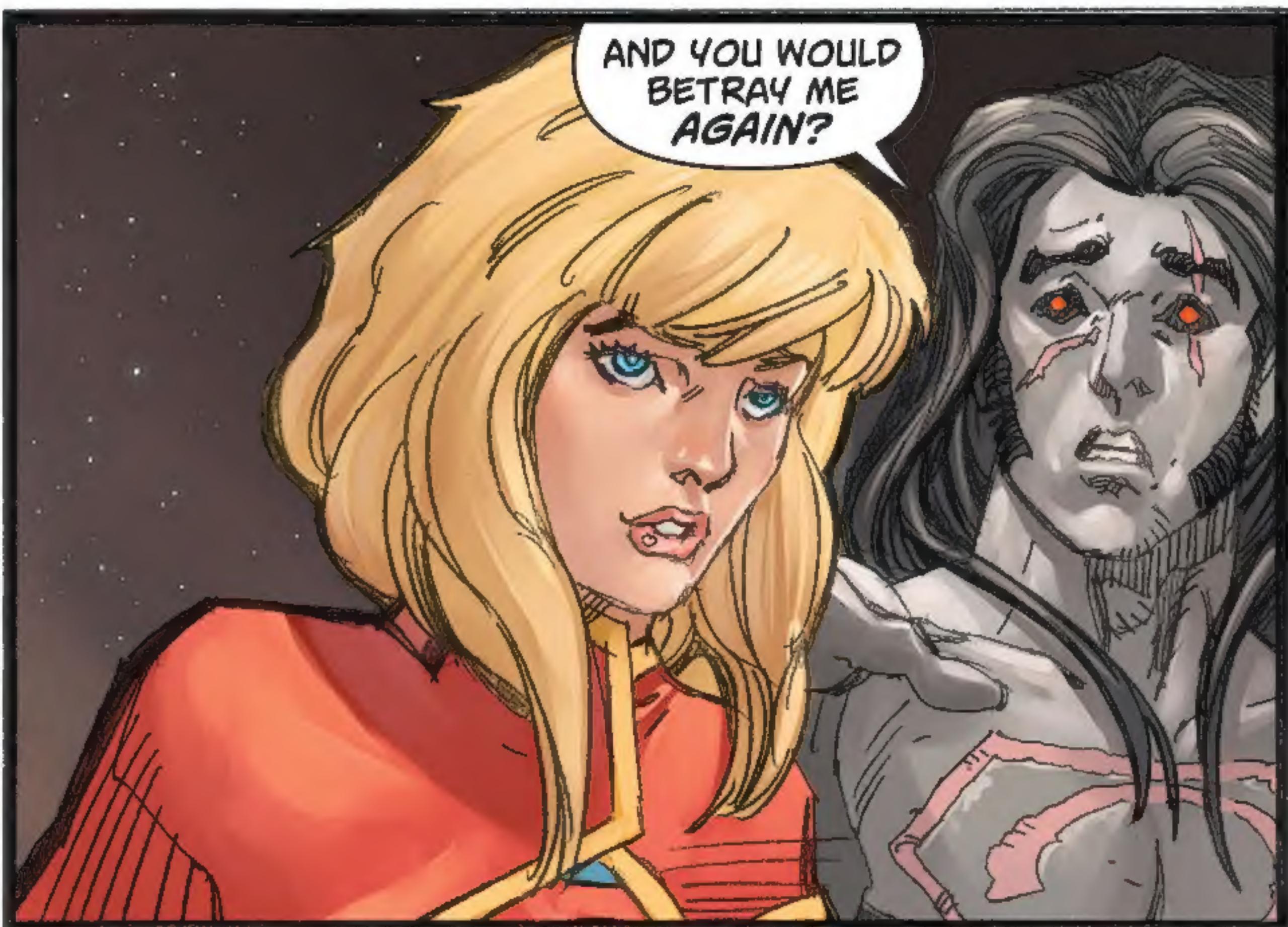
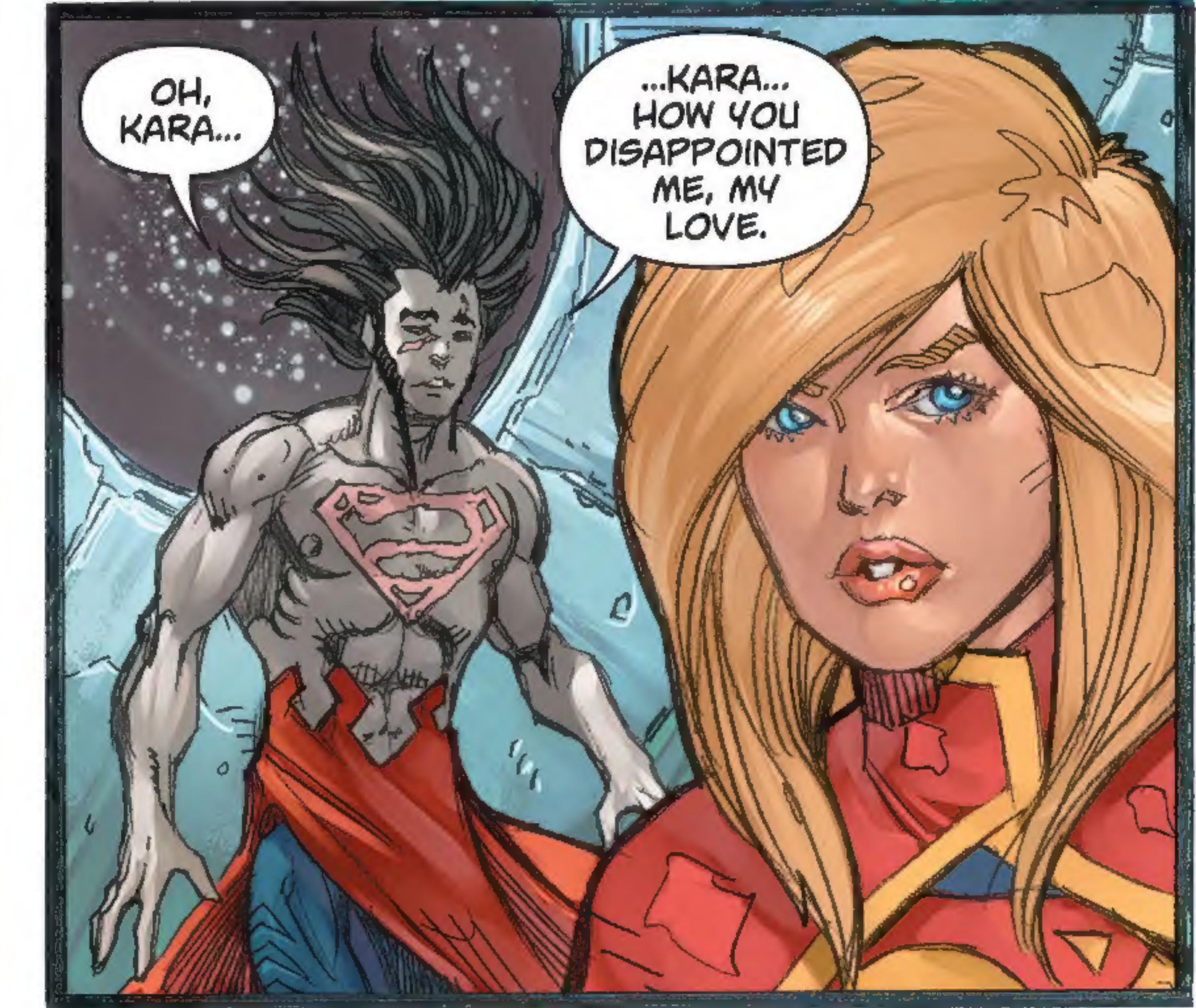
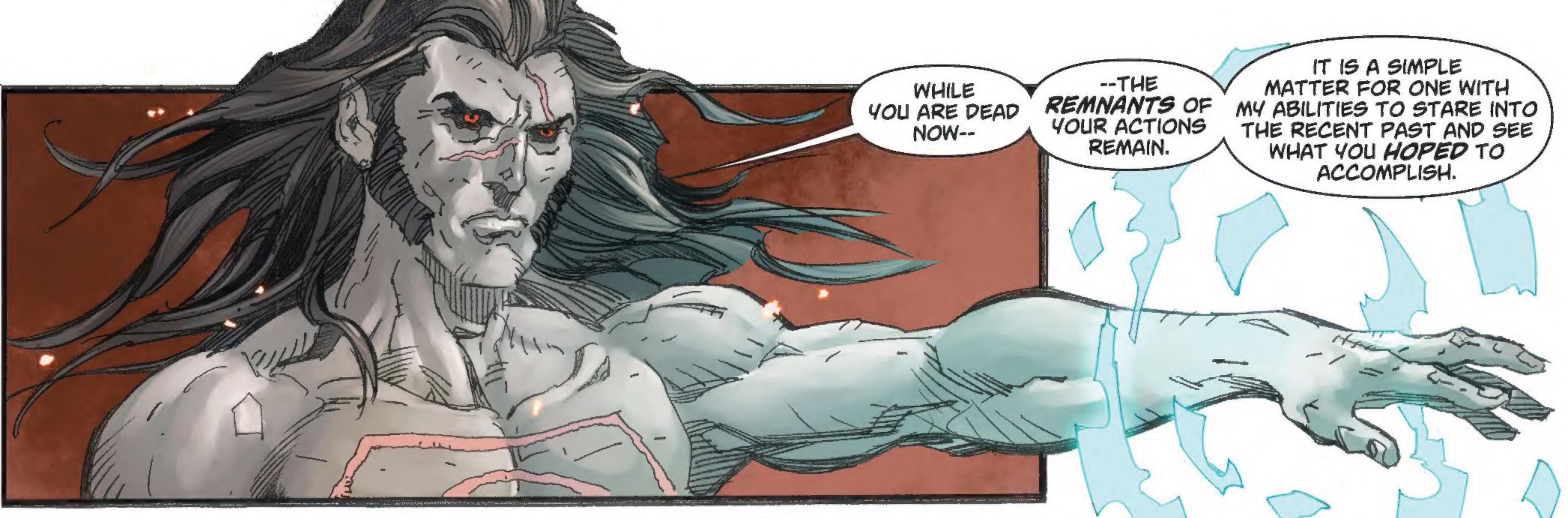
MAYBE YOU WOULD HAVE THOUGHT BETTER OF IT IF YOU'D KNOWN.

I AM SURE I...

THAT IS, I JUST...

JUST WOW.





AS RAGE SWELLS
IN THE HEART
OF ONE BEING...

TIME IS
ON MY SIDE.
THEY ARE ALL
ALREADY
DEAD.

...A UNIVERSE
CONTINUES TO BE
RENT ASUNDER.

Don't DARE miss

SUPERBOY
SUPergirl
SUPERMAN

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